Saturday Oct 11th 1919.

Leave Sydney per S.S. Taiyuan 10.30 am enroute for Thursday is. on a collecting trip amongst the islands of Torres straits for Mr H.L. White of Belltrees. Scone. N.S. Wales. Pass through the heads 11.30 am. Day bright & warm with a fresh breeze. A few Gulls seen about the heads & out to sea a few Gannets & numbers of Mutton birds, skimming low over the waves. In the distance a couple of Terns either caspia or bergii. I think the latter. A solitary Albatross Mutton birds in increasing numbers both flying & swimming 2 species. Another white breasted species noticed later or smaller than other 2. For three hours Petrels were with us in great numbers then they began to get fewer & by 5 pm none were to be seen. At a quarter to five, a few hundred yds

away on the starboard bow an immense tail rose out of the water, gleamed silver for an instant then thrashed beneath the surface raising a cloud of spray again & again this occurred as if 2 great whales were fighting. A few Albatross of 2 species are now following the ship. The largest white with greater portion of wings blackish underside tip only blackish. bill pinkish white The other. head, neck undersurface & upper tail coverts white rest brown ~~& black~~, bill black.

Sunday. Bright & clear. Mild breeze
no birds visible. 9 am. Barque under
full sail heading to northward.
S S Burmah heading south Another
steamer close inshore heading N.
Land on port side faintly seen through
haze. A single albatross noted.
3 small Petrels Chocolate with white
rump seen in the distance

Petrel General color sooty brown, shafts of
primaries whitish Bill & feet black. following
astern.
10 am Single Albatross D. cauta following

Albatross

Did he fall or was he pushed he fell

General color white, upper surface of wings mottled brown, darker towards tips under surface tips blackish bill & feet pinkish white.

one specimen with tip of tail blackish a brown spot on head.

Wings centre of back & tail dark brown, feet pinkish. under surface of wings mottled brown whitish stripe rest of body & head white.

5.30 pm A few Petrels seen well astern.

6 pm Thousands of Petrels astern apparently heading S.S.W.

Couple Sterna anosthetus noticed & single A stolidus

Monday Only an occasional petrel seen

Tuesday 2 petrels only seen